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SUBJ: IRAN'S POSITION ON TROOP CONTRIBUTION TO UNIFIL

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1. DURING AUDIENCE WITH SHAH ON OTHER MATTERS MORNING MAY 24,
I ASKED SHAH FOR CLARIFICATION OF IRAN'S POSITION ON TROOP
CONTRIBUTION TO UNIFIL. I SAID GOI ANNOUNCEMENT ON THIS
SUBJECT (REFTEL) HAD CAUSED SOME CONFUSION.

2. SHAH SAID THAT, SINCE ISRAEL HAS GIVEN A SPECIFIC DATE FOR
WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON, HE HAS AUTHORIZED THE DEPLOYMENT OF
A FULL IRANIAN BATTALION, WITH THE CURRENT CONTINGENT TO BE
RETURNED TO GOLAN HEIGHTS. HE SAID DETAILS WERE BEING WORKED
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OUT WITH UNSYG.

3. AS FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT, SHAH SAID IT WAS NOT INTENDED
TO "WEAKEN RESOLVE" OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS BUT RATHER TO
STIFFEN RESOLVE OF UNSC. PURPOSE WAS TO SUGGEST THAT,
IF PLO ATTACKS CONTINUE, UNIFIL BE EQUIPPED AND INSTRUCTED
TO TAKE "REAL MILITARY ACTION" TO ELIMINATE THEM. HE SAID

HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE IRANIAN FORCES TO ASSUME
COMBAT ROLE IN UNIFIL IF UNSC GIVES SUCH MANDATE. BUT HE
DID NOT WANT LIGHTLY EQUIPPED, PASSIVE TROOP UNITS TO
SERVE MERELY AS "TARGETS" FOR THE PLO.
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